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# GOLF RESORT DEVELOPER BILKED NHL STARS: SUIT

By Jeane MacIntosh

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A golf-resort developer put nearly two dozen NHL stars on ice — taking millions they invested with him and blowing it on parties packed with porn stars, hookers and his preferred baseball buddies, including ex-Yankees Roger Clemens and Reggie Jackson, according to two explosive lawsuits filed today.

The 19 former and current stick-handlers – including an all-star roster of Rangers and Islanders – are demanding that Las Vegas-based golf-course mogul Ken Jowdy return the \$25 million they invested, plus fork over \$15 million in damages, for failing to build two luxury resorts in Mexico that are seven years behind schedule.

Jowdy, the players say, instead got rowdy, squandering their cold cash on “lavish parties” that included “various female porn stars, escorts, strippers [and] party girls” to impress Clemens, Jackson, banned star Pete Rose and ESPN announcer Joe Morgan, one of the suits filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court alleges.

Only baseball greats got to attend, however. The hockey players were not invited to the bacchanalian revelry, a source said.

Among the biggest losers in the failed investments are former Ranger and Islander Bryan Berard and ex-Islander Michael Peca, who each lost \$700,000. Ex-Ranger Mattias Norstrom lost \$600,000, according to the suits.

“Its particularly uncomfortable for all,” Berard told The Post. “He’s taken our money without telling us, and its supposedly all gone.”


Among the claims, Jowdy allegedly:

- \* Put a Clemens gal pal named Adrian Moore, described as a “regular party attendee who was close to Clemens,” on his payroll “as a personal favor” to the former Yankee Cy Young winner.
- \* Bought three private planes to fly himself, childhood pals, the baseball players and their “female companions” to Mexico, Palm Springs, New York and Las Vegas.
- \* Paid himself an \$800,000-a-year salary – plus travel and entertainment expenses – while his brother-in-law, Connecticut lawyer Bill Najam, took in \$650,000 annually without having a role

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\* Hired Brian MacNamee – the onetime Clemens trainer who told Congress he supplied the ballplayer with steroids – as a fitness trainer.

\* Paid the projects’ sole construction manager, Ken Ayers, a \$550,000 salary, even though he spent fewer than 20 days at the sites in seven years.

Jowdy, who started the projects seven years ago, did not return calls for comment.

Other notable player plaintiffs include: Chris Simon, who played for the Rangers and Islanders; former Rangers Greg deVries, Steve Rucchin, and Rem Murray; former New Jersey Devil Turner Stevenson; and 2009 Pittsburgh Stanley Cup champion Sergei Gonchar.

“The only thing they have to show for it is sand on a beach in the middle of nowhere,” the players’ lawyer, Ronald Richards, told The Post.

According to the filings, Jowdy lavished attention on the baseball players “under the guise that these individuals would eventually purchase real estate” in the planned resorts, called Diamante Del Mar and Diamante Cabo San Lucas.

But, the ex-major leaguers never expressed any interest, according to the suit.

Specifically, the suit states, “Clemens and even his wife were vocal and adamant that they would never purchase” the property.

“Nevertheless, Jowdy continued to provide – and these individuals all continued to accept – gratuitous, extravagant private air travel, five-star hotel accommodations, luxury home rentals, unlimited food and beverage expenses, golf tournaments and lavish parties several times a year over a three-year period,” the suits allege.

A call to Clemens’ business manager was not returned. In a statement Joe Morgan told TMZ.com that he had never attended any of the parties.

The NHL investors only learned in May that they may had been duped, after Jowdy testified in a separate court case brought by investors in another troubled project.

Public records show Jowdy is being sued in Arizona and California. He also faces fraud charges in Mexico, where a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

The larger lawsuit by the NHL stars seek \$25 million in damages related to a planned resort in Cabo San Lucas. On that project, Jowdy defaulted and owes money to a PGA star and golf-course designer Phil Mickelson, the suit claims.

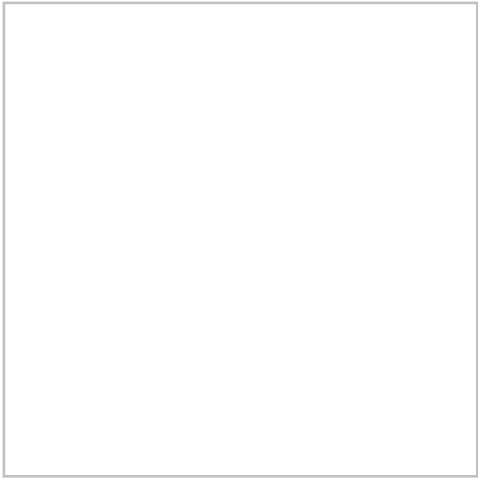
Jowdy, the papers allege, also “falsified his financial statements” for a loan he got through a Lehman Brothers broker, Masood Bhatti, before that firm imploded last September.

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